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NEWS RELEASE

Michael R. Stiles, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Charlene Brown, Regional Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and Michael Little, Regional Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, today announced a civil settlement between the United States and Integrated Health Services at Penn, Inc. (IHS) d/b/a Integrated Health Services of Bryn Mawr at the Chateau, located at 956 Railroad Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010 (The Chateau).

The civil settlement addresses alleged provision of inadequate nutrition, wound care and incontinence care to several nursing home residents at the 160-bed Chateau in 1996. IHS has denied any liability and the agreement provides that the settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing.

IHS has agreed to the following terms:

1. Payment to the government of One Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000);
2. Retention of an independent third party consultant, mutually agreed upon by the United States and IHS, for a one year period to address quality of care issues and review compliance with the agreement;
3. Implementation of a weight monitoring program and provision of wound care treatment utilizing the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Guidelines as the basis for the prediction, prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers on an individualized basis;
4. Training of all dietary management and nursing staff on the requirements of the settlement agreement for a three year period;
5. Assurance that incontinence care will be timely provided in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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This case marks the fourth nursing home quality of care case resolved in this district. The prior cases were: U.S. v. GMS Management-Tucker, Inc. et al. (Geri-Med; Tucker House Nursing Home), U.S. v. Chester Care Center, et al., and U.S. v. The City of Philadelphia (Philadelphia Nursing Home).

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney David R. Hoffman.

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